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## Understaffed police force may lead to crime spike

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Salisbury is the sixth-largest city in Maryland and is home to roughly 30,400 citizens, but recently Salisbury's crime statistics have been ranked among the worst in the state.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's report in 2010 of total offenses known to law enforcement, Salisbury falls second to Baltimore (out of 79 Maryland cities) in many of the categories. Salisbury was second in larceny-theft, burglary, property crimes, aggravated assault, rape, murder and manslaughter. Salisbury also ranked ninth in motor vehicle theft and third in violent crime reports, only four reports behind second place Frederick who had 454 violent crime reports.

Baltimore city was first in every category, due to it being significantly larger than all the other cities.

What may be the most striking statistic is that Salisbury is significantly smaller than the other cities. Being only the sixth largest city, Salisbury is nearly half the size of Frederick, which has over 60,000 citizens.

Frederick was in the top two or three for each category, being that it is the second most populated city. The fact that Salisbury was number two in most crime categories shows that it has more crimes per person than cities that have smaller populations.

Salisbury Chief of Police Barbara Duncan spoke at the Student Government Association's forum Sunday night along with Salisbury University Chief of Police Edwin Lashley about the issues that the University and community face.

"Last spring we were budgeted for 92 sworn officers to serve 30,400 people, not including the student population,) and a day-time population of 78,000 people," Duncan said.

The Frederick Maryland Police Department, which had less crime

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## Senior lives Hollywood dream

BY SARAH KRAUSS  
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Submitted photo  
SU senior Kelsey Hovermale works as an intern in the studio at Ryan Seacrest Productions.

In three short weeks over summer break, Salisbury University senior Kelsey Hovermale went from journalism/public relations major with a lifelong dream of writing entertainment news to staff writing as an intern for Ryan Seacrest Productions in Los Angeles, Calif.

"I've been thrown into the epicenter of everything entertainment," Hovermale said. "I am trying to soak up the entire experience."

Hovermale applied for the internship in December, 2011, knowing experience is just as important as a degree post graduation. When she didn't hear back within a few months, she decided to accept a position with Disney as a four-credit internship through SU.

"I found out I could graduate early and I didn't want to do that," Hovermale said. "I knew as a Maryland student, if I went and did an internship out of state with E! or Disney, it would be something I would immensely enjoy."

With plans to work for Disney, Hovermale was set on driving to Florida at the end of August and working in one of the parks. On July 30, Hovermale received an email from Ryan Seacrest Productions stating they were in need of interns and decided to resubmit her resume and cover letter.

"I was like, okay I'll apply, whatever," Hovermale said. "It was a long shot."

Hovermale found out a week later she had made it to the next round of the internship process, which meant completing a six-hour writing diagnostic test, which took her eight hours to finish. The results of the next round would be released at the end of the week, but to Hovermale it meant by Friday.

"When I didn't hear anything by Friday, I cried myself to sleep," Hovermale said. "Then I said, okay, Disney is perfect, and I could be excited for that."

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## Rosen resigns after voter fraud allegations

BY ALANISHA ALLEN  
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The Democratic Party discovered on Sept. 7, that former House of Representative candidate Wendy Rosen is a registered voter in both Florida and Maryland, meaning as of now the Democratic Party's candidate in the race for Maryland's First Congressional District is now ineligible to run due to voter fraud.

At the advisement of the Democratic Party, Rosen withdrew from the race. The winner of this race will represent the Eastern Shore as well as portions of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties in the House of Representatives. He or she is responsible for advocating public policy for their citizens.

Rosen won the primary in April beating John LaFerla by 57 votes.

According to her website, Rosen is the founder of the Rosen Group, "a marketing, publishing and advocacy firm with the goal of providing American designers and studio busi-

nesses with the opportunities and guidance to grow and compete in the national and global marketplace."

Rosen's plan to fix Washington was to create jobs and rebuild the economy, protect local products, protect the bay, protect seniors and defend women's rights and equality.

Democrats were hoping she would win so they could regain the majority in the House of Representatives, said Michael O'Loughlin, political science professor at Salisbury University.

"If this were to happen, Nancy Pelosi will regain power as Speaker of the House," O'Loughlin said. "With this position, if something were to happen to the President and Vice President, the Speaker of the House would become President."

State Party Chair Yvette Lewis stated that Rosen voted in the 2006 general election and the 2008 presidential preference primaries both in Florida and Maryland.

Voting in two different states for the same election is a form of voter fraud.

At the moment, the Attorney General's Office is investigating the matter.

Maryland GOP Executive Director David Ferguson said Rosen should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, according to CBS DC.

"This is another prime example of the prevalent culture of corruption in the Maryland Democratic Party," Ferguson said in a statement.

Rosen's actions have made citizens look down on the government, said staff assistant at SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Elaina Iosue.

Although the scandal does not affect the Democratic Party on a national level, it may hurt the reputation of the districts Democratic Party, making it difficult for whoever replaces Rosen.

In a process that is already unfolding, the party will have to choose a write-in as a substi-

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## Seacrest



Submitted Photo

Hovermale poses next to an advertisement for E! News Network of Ryan Seacrest in Los Angeles, California.

When she received a response from Ryan Seacrest Productions asking for an interview, Hovermale was in shock. After two interviews, Hovermale received a phone call saying she had made it into the program and that she would have only a week to pack her things and fly to California for the six-month internship.

"It really made it clear to myself how passionate I was and how much I wanted it," Hovermale said. "It was a stressful two and a half weeks, but my parents and I both knew at the end it would be so worth it for me to come out here and have this experience."

Hovermale's daily tasks as a RSP intern include writing breaking entertainment news, covering music video releases and transcribing Seacrest's interviews, in a process she described as "pitching, writing and publishing." Hovermale had the opportunity to cover a concert and meet the artists while reporting from backstage.

Although Hovermale said she is getting used to her 4:30 a.m. wakeup call every morning and extensive eight-hour days, she is still awestruck by the L.A. lifestyle.

"I am in a building all day with

people who are writers, agents, directors and producers from Syde, E! and NBC Universal, and I am just fascinated with the people who I pass in the hallway," Hovermale said. "I think, gosh, I wonder who you are, who you work with and what cool opportunities you've had in this business."

The hardest part of the whole experience is balancing the separation from her family and friends and her love of the business she has broken into, Hovermale said. "Being so far from home so fast with little to no preparation has been hard," Hovermale said. "It was a see you later, you are going 3,000 miles away and we won't see you until Christmas."

Being homesick hasn't discouraged Hovermale from pursuing a career in California after she graduates.

"I have this mindset that if I don't do it now, I won't ever do it," Hovermale said.

Her ideal career would be in working for entertainment and public relations with event coverage.

"My heart's in PR, and I love journalism," Hovermale said. "I hope to combine these two loves."

## American Legion hosts chili cook-off for local causes

BY MARIAH WAUL  
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Post 64 of the Great American Legion will be hosting a Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rt. 50, for the group to continue providing financial assistance to veterans and donations to other organizations in the area.

"The economy is bad, but we do not want to give up donating to events for clubs such as the Boys & Girls Club," said Linda Rickards, volunteer coordinator of the event.

In addition to sponsoring events for the Boys & Girls Club of America, Post 64 also donates to the Salvation Army, which provides shoes and coats for the homeless during winter months. The legion's primary concern is with the veterans.

Since 1919, Post 64 has provided assistance to local veterans by helping with issues that may arise with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, aiding soldiers suffering from physical and mental disabilities and

providing a homeless shelter for veterans which include bedding, sheets, blankets and clothing. "Essentially, we are here to take care of our local veterans the best that we can," said Carol Nicholson, club manager for Post 64.

The idea for the chili cook-off was proposed by a member of the legion. The legion had hosted barbecue and chili socials in the past, but nothing along this scale.

"We decided that a huge event would be perfect to get more people involved," Nicholson said. "It would also be the perfect opportunity to provide locals with literature on what we do here."

Participants pay a \$20 try fee per barbecue and chili category event. Recipes are up to the discretion of the cook, and there is an option to prepare vegetarian chili. A special category under barbecue called "Anything Else" will also be included.

"Anything can go on the grill, from seared vegetables to cheese-cake," Rickards said.

The chili portion of the cook-

off will be judged on the basis of taste, consistency and appearance. The title of Grand Champion will be given to the participant with the best recipe for both the chili and barbecue categories, along with a \$100 cash prize and trophy.

Some well-known figures from the area will be among the local judges. Mayor Jim Iretton, Sheriff Mike Lewis, WBOC Weatherman Brian Keane, WMDT General Manager Kathleen McLain and Dem. Politician Anthony Sarbanes are noted as dignitaries of the event.

The Legion will also provide entertainment for children including games, train rides, a moon bounce and a performance by Sunshine the Clown. Adult festivities will include live entertainment as well as craft vendors and a corn hole tournament.

"I am really looking forward to all of the different recipes," said SU senior Ashley Dilmore. "I'm a real foodie."

## VOTER FRAUD



Photo submitted by Edward Kimmel  
Former democratic candidate Wendy Rosen speaks at a campaign event.

ture for Rosen. LaFeria, runner up in the primary, will most likely be the party's choice.

The Cecil Times reported that LaFeria has told state Democrats he is willing to run in November, though it's not clear whether he will be the party's choice.

Because it is too late to print the new candidate's name on the ballot, it may hurt his or her ability to raise money since there is little time to

fundraise for ads before the Nov. 6 election.

During the campaign session a candidate has face-to-face time with voters so that

when Election Day comes the voters can cast their ballots for the person they know. Since this new candidate will have a fairly short campaign, the voters may not be able to recognize him or her and may not feel comfortable voting for this person.

Due to the image of the Democratic Party of the district after the revelation of Rosen's voter fraud, it may be hard for citizens to vote for the Democratic replacement. The consequences of the changing image may lead to undecided and independent voters.

"Democrats have

little chance of winning; I'd put money on that," O'Loughlin said.

As of now, incumbent Rep. Andy Harris is running against libertarian Muir Boda and independent Michael Calipino.

"Issues shouldn't be overlooked. Youth should be aware of the issues that are going on around them," Iosue said.

"Whatever your party affiliation, you should exercise your right to vote. Important issues are out there."

"Investigate who is running, their agendas and choose accordingly," O'Loughlin said.

## CRIME

than Salisbury in 2010, has 141 sworn officers, 49 more than the Salisbury Police Department. The Dover Delaware Police Department, another local force, oversees a similar population to Salisbury of 30,000 people, but they have 100 officers, and in 2011 they received 20,000 less 911 calls than the Salisbury Police department. Salisbury received 51,000 calls in 2011, nearly 140 calls every day.

"It made me think about traveling in big groups at night," freshman Alec Barber said. "It made me realize it's important to be around where people can see me."

Depending on how many officers are on duty that day, there may not be enough officers in the area on busy days. The reality of crime potential has students concerned about their safety.

"Let's say someone gets cut walking down the street, it costs us \$1,500 to investigate the crime, we don't need that, we can't afford it... The drug element brings a negative effect to the community," Duncan said. "Pills and marijuana may seem like nothing, but are a big issue."

Possible explanations for the crime rates include the downturn of the economy and people who travel for business.

"Large areas draw people to them... not only the growth of SU but with the growth of the community you are going to have spikes in crime, and economic trouble spikes crime," Lashley said.

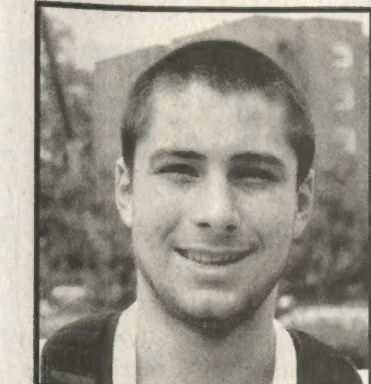
These statistics are certainly not ones the Salisbury community wants, but the Salisbury Police offer ways to stay out of trouble.

"If you feel uncomfortable, we'll meet you and follow you home, and if we don't have the man power or the time, wait there and call a friend," Duncan said. "College students are easy victims."

Another general safety tip Chief Duncan shared with students at the SGA forum was to register their bike, computer, Xbox or any other type of valuable device with the police, so that if it is stolen they have information on it.

## Overheard: If you could study abroad in any country where would you go?

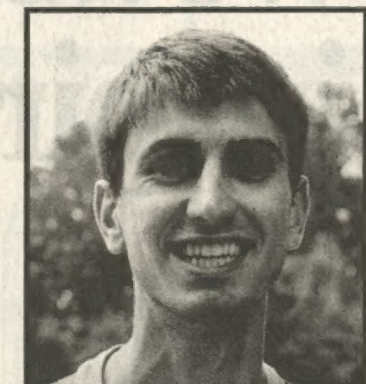
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"Ethiopia."  
-Tommy Steele, Senior



"I plan on going to Costa Rica this winter."  
-Stacy Helgason, Senior



"New Zealand. My friend went and said it was great."  
-Barry Gregg, Junior



"Somewhere in Africa. I'm in nursing and interested in different healthcare."  
-Etienne Zantop, Senior



"NYC. I'm not sure about international."  
-Christopher Hager, Junior

## Legal to vote, legal to drink?



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS  
Staff Writer

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 was passed to make the legal drinking age 21-years-old. Many people support this, while others think that the drinking age should be changed back to 18.

When you turn 18, you legally become an adult. Since you gain so many rights at age 18, I feel like that should also be the drinking age. You can vote, adopt a child, play the lottery, buy cigarettes and even sign up to fight in war. If a person can handle those rights, they should be able to drink.

Many people feel that 18-year-olds are not responsible enough to handle drinking safely, but age has nothing to do with it. Being 21 does not automatically make someone more mature. In colleges

everywhere, there is illegal drinking going on, which shows that age restrictions do not stop people from obtaining alcohol.

The statistics on alcohol consumption and death rates have not shifted significantly throughout the years since the drinking age was raised. This shows that changing the drinking age would probably not have a huge affect on things such as drunk driving. If people had the freedom to drink at 18, people would be more responsible about getting designated drivers or staying where they are as opposed to drunk driving.

18-year-olds would not have to lie to their parents as much. They could simply say "Mom and Dad, I'm going to a party tonight and might have a few drinks so I am going to stay there for the night." It is a matter of planning ahead and people being aware of the effects of alcohol.

Parents grew up in an America where drinking was legal at 18. It was an America of more freedom. The drinking age should go back down to 18, back to the good ol' days.

## Tax zapping businesses steal consumer dollars



BY AJIA ALLEN  
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Salisbury University has attracted two new high-profile businesses which students, particularly coffee drinkers, will very much enjoy.

After much anticipation, the Sea Gull Square Starbucks is scheduled to open Sept. 27. The other company seeking students' business is 7-Eleven, which will open across Route 13 in the location where Romeo's Pizzeria used to be. Which of the two will students and morning travelers choose to visit before their daily routines begin?

Starbucks may seem like the obvious victor in this quiet rivalry, but 7-Eleven does have something to offer: cheaper prices. Coffee from Starbucks is famous for its high-quality and is considered worth the three to five dollar cost by many.

Deciding between the two

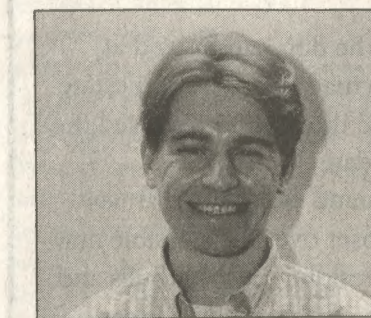
businesses simply will depend on the day a customer is having. A grande caramel macchiato may be what the moment calls for. On the other hand, a small regular decaf with added cream may make the morning just right. Fortunately, both options are available. If worse comes to worse, the best resolution is to enjoy both, providing that personal expenses are generous.

Where Starbucks lacks in hourly operation, 7-Eleven makes up for because the franchises are usually open 24 hours. Likewise, Starbucks trumps its close-by competition in known quality of product.

Quality over convenience will be a dominating factor in the decisions made by early morning goers on the way to the office or class. As anticipated by the known convenience store, variety and affordability will immediately attract another wide-eyed, younger consumer base.

Starbucks will more than likely win over the caffeine-addicted faculty, while 7-Eleven is just what students have needed for late night cravings. A variety in snacks and convenience are in fact a college student's late night best friends.

## The death of Ambassador Stevens: A failure of cultural understanding



BY THELONIOUS W. WILLIAMS  
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In much of Africa and the Middle East, the assassination of a diplomat or government official is rather commonplace.

Within the past couple of weeks both the Yemeni defense minister and the newly-elected president of

Somalia were targets of assassination attempts, while an Algerian diplomat was kidnapped and killed in northern Mali. This region of the world is quite familiar with diplomatic assassinations. The United States, however, is not.

Fortunately, considering the controversy that surrounds them, our foreign diplomats have remained very well protected. Until the assassination of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, the killing of a U.S. ambassador had not occurred since 1979.

The front page New York Times article about the attack began, "Islamist militants armed with anti-aircraft weapons and rocket-propelled grenades stormed a lightly defended United States diplomatic mission in Benghazi late Tuesday, killing the American ambassador and three members of his staff and raising fresh questions about the radicalization of countries swept up in the Arab Spring."

This attack has highlighted the massive gap between Muslims and Islamist extremists. Although no group, as of yet, has claimed responsibility for the attack, al-Qaeda affiliated groups appear responsible.

Islamist extremism has already dominated the media and appears to be the most important issue in this crisis.

Unfortunately, Americans are quick to associate "Islamist extremists" with all Muslims. The "radicalization of countries swept up in the Arab Spring" accurately embodies American thought concerning the region, but the statement itself is quite inaccurate. Albeit Egypt now has an Islamist president and Tunisia's ruling party is also Islamist, this does not represent a "radicalization" of the region; instead this represents a "Islamification" of the region. These two concepts are often blurred in the eyes of the American public.

A well known Islamic phrase is "There is no god but God, and Muhammad is His prophet." I fear that Americans often have a thought similar to this phrase: "There are no Muslims but Islamists, and Osama bin-Laden is their leader." These three concepts are often muddled, but they represent radically different ideas. Quite obviously, no one thinks that Osama bin-Laden is the leader of all Muslims.

However, people often mistakenly think that all Islamists are associated with bin-Laden and al-Qaeda, while others make the mistake of thinking all Muslims are Islamists.

As these concepts are rather confusing, some definitions are required. Quite obviously, a Muslim is one who proscribes to the Islamic religion. On the other hand, an Islamist is someone who believes in Islamic fundamentalism, which is another phrase that is often associated with terrorist organizations.

An Islamist is much akin to a Christian Evangelical. Both believe that their own religions should be understood quite literally and should be applied to all aspects of life. Evangelicals often believe that Christianity should be the sole guiding factor in their lives, whereas Islamists believe that Islam should be the sole guiding factor in their own lives. Most importantly, the majority of both Evangelicals and Islamists do not believe that either Christian or Islamic fundamentalism should be imposed by force.

This last and most important point that both Christians and Muslims need to learn is that radicals exist in both religions, but they should not represent the members of those religions as a whole. The ongoing protests outside of American or American-affiliated embassies in Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Iran and Iraq display this failure of understanding.

Most Christians and Americans do not agree with the makers of the scathing film "Innocence of Muslims," or with the Florida pastor Terry Jones, who threatened to burn the Koran, sparking major riots in Afghanistan. The killing of Ambassador Stevens was perpetrated by men who either failed to understand this or chose to ignore it. Let this nation not make the same mistake.

As the chief power in an ever-changing world, we have the responsibility to learn the most we can about its people. Unfortunately our educational system often ranks very low in the developed world, but we can take it upon ourselves to learn about other cultures. Clearly some people in the Middle-East have failed to do just this, but the American people should avoid making this mistake.

We should condemn Ambassador Stevens' killers, but we should not condemn an entire people. If Americans hope to prevent situations like this from happening again, we must first understand the other people that we share this planet with.

The NYT is accurate in stating that Islamist militants are responsible for the killing of Ambassador Stevens, but it has made an egregious error in associating this event with a "radicalization" of the region. The job of the American media is to educate the public about the world. By generalizing an entire region of the world, they have ultimately failed in educating the American public.

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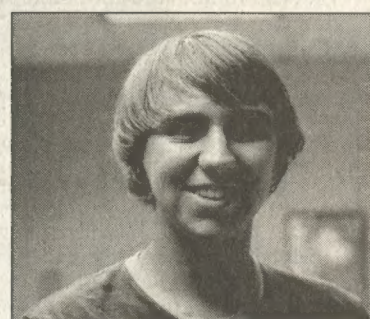
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# Anti-gay marriage activists hit new lows



BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Editorial Editor

As if being against equal rights for everyone isn't already disgusting enough, anti-gay marriage activists over the last few weeks have resorted to outrageously despicable attacks on supporters of equality and civil rights.

The first oppressor is Maryland Delegate Emmett Burns, an anti-gay marriage "Democrat." Burns sent a letter to Steve Bisciotti, owner of the Baltimore Ravens, asking him to "take the necessary action ... to inhibit such expressions from your employee."

The employee in question is Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo, a vocal supporter of marriage equality who is using his influence to make sure Maryland's marriage equality law is upheld in November. Burns sent the letter to Bisciotti in an attempt to silence Ayanbadejo, violating the linebacker's right to free speech. It is absolutely appalling how an elected official, one who takes an oath to uphold the Constitution, is abusing his power by trying to prevent people who do not agree with him from practicing their First Amendment right to free speech.

Burns eventually retracted his statement after backlash from all over the country, including calls for him to resign. He should resign, as he clearly cannot be trusted to uphold the most basic constitutional rights.

The next instance of anti-gay marriage bigotry hitting new lows is

seen in a mail advertisement in upstate New York.

The mail ad (originally planned to be a billboard ad) is attacking New York Republican state senator Mark Grisanti, who voted in favor of New York's marriage equality law in 2011. Grisanti is one of only four Republicans in the state's senate that voted in favor of that common sense law.

The ad shows a picture of a shirtless guy about to get a blowjob from another guy. The ad reads, "How far will a politician go to get in your pants. For his gay marriage vote, Mark Grisanti received over \$750,000. Sometimes they're political whores."

This disgusting, homophobic ad was released by the National Organization for Marriage, the top organization devoted to fighting equal rights for gays and lesbians. NOM has a history of releasing misleading, false and tasteless ads. This new ad marks a new, pitiful low for NOM. They claim to want to protect children, however children will see this vulgar ad if their parents ever send them to the mailbox to retrieve the mail.

This just shows that the anti-gay marriage crowd will do whatever they can to impose their bigotry on the country. They will use their power to suppress free speech and silence the thinkers who dare to disagree with their misguided views. They will also display vulgar imagery in public to scare people into voting their way. They resort to these tactics because they know they are fighting a losing battle.

As a famous civil rights leader once said, "the arc of history bends towards justice."

The anti-gay marriage people know that the arc of history is not on their side. At the end of the day, the people who fight for civil rights always win and the people who promote hatred and bigotry always lose.

# Obama's speech wows crowd, inspires America



BY TYLER GRAY  
Staff Writer

If you missed Barack Obama's acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, you missed an exciting and well performed speech.

No matter which party you belong to, both sides will agree that the speech was delivered flawlessly to the overwhelming audiences attending and watching at home. Obama radiated a sense of pride, nationalism and most of all, hope for the future of all Americans.

When delivering a speech, it is important to keep your audience interested and inspired. His skillfulness at speaking was shown heavily in his use of humor. While including a few puns and wise-cracks in his speech, he did not deviate from the topic. He presented them light-heartedly and tastefully.

Early on in the speech, Obama made a remark about the amount of advertising on television.

"I know campaigns can seem small, even silly sometimes. Trivial things become big distractions, serious issues become background noises and the truth gets buried under an avalanche of mud-ding and advertising. If you're sick of hearing me 'approve this message,' believe me, so am I."

This remark elicited a round of laughter from his audience because they could relate to it.

Who hasn't watched those advertisements on TV attacking a nominee trying to win a few votes to one particular party's side? Who hasn't thought about how much money must be spent on those advertisements and hasn't gotten angry that so much money is being wasted on something so unnecessary?

Whether Obama truly believes it is a waste of money or not, he gave the audience something to connect to and share a laugh about.

Later on while talking about the Republican Party's plan, Obama said "All they have to offer is the same prescriptions they've been giving for the last thirty years. Got a surplus? Try a tax cut. Deficit too high? Try another. Feel a cold coming on? Take two tax cuts, roll back some regulations and call us in the morning." This was followed by an ear-splitting amount of laughter and applause from the audience.

Even those skeptical about Obama's plan would admit that he knows how to move a crowd.

His methodology did not stop with his sense of humor; he was able to connect to the audience, and the entire United States' values and beliefs. One of the ways he accomplished this was through supporting the idea of the stereotypical "American family."

Obama has always been very proud of his own family and makes it extremely well known. The huge smile on his face radiated one of the most core values in American society as he thanked his wife and daughters for supporting him through everything. He displayed real emotion, genuine happiness and pride in his family.

He connects to this value in a different way with one of the most quoted lines from

his entire speech, "No family should have to set aside a college acceptance letter because they don't have the money."

Nowadays, as it takes a college degree to get almost any well-paying job, families all over the nation are now led to believe that Obama is trying his hardest to make that next step in their children's lives more affordable. This makes his platform look a lot more appealing to families that are even now starting to fill out applications to colleges, or planning to do so in the next couple of years.

Obama continued to move and excite the crowd in various ways, including listing accomplishments from his first term, promising a road that would lead to an upswing in the economy and showing his support for our military by saying, "no one who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or for the roof over their head, or the care that they need when they come home."

Obama basically spent his speech effectively covering all the bases, and making sure that he appealed to every demographic in at least some way.

Watching the speech, I felt extremely moved and motivated that this could be a term of actual change and promise for our country. Obama's delivery of the speech was a legendary and impressive display of the mastery of persuading.

Unfortunately, as he is a politician, we are forced as a nation to wonder how much of this was truth, and how much he was hiding behind his silver-tongue. But I can honestly say that when I listen to Obama speak, I feel hopeful about our country's future, and I believe that the road he offers is the best route for our country to take.

## THE ADVENTURES OF SHIRLEY HOLMES INTRODUCING...

Jeremy Orne

How beautiful the campus is!

How nice my peers!

It is all quite overwhe--  
--Hello, roommate!

Oh dear.



## Has society found common sense or just stopped caring?



BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY MCGEENEY  
Staff Writer

Turning on the television, radio or even searching any media distribution site today, you may encounter one or more of the following: Lady Gaga and Miley Cyrus cut their hair, Chris Brown gets a disturbing tattoo and Kris Jenner talks about her breast implant on the Today Show.

But really, who cares? Some people are consumed with screens or any particular electronic device with access to the ever-so-chaotic social networking world. A more up-to-date definition of what people are consumed with these days is constantly updating their life for others' approval. People stress more over things said on the internet than in their actual lives, which is quite sickening.

Social media is another issue that has had a major impact on the lives of Internet users. I speak for myself and so many others when I say that as soon as I wake up, out of habit I reach for my phone and catch up on the less than one hundred and forty character updates that appeared overnight on Twitter. Some may even visit Facebook, Tumblr or Yahoo. All of these sites keep us educated throughout the day on our peers' as well as celebrities' lives.

With the availability of Smart-

Phone apps and handheld devices utilizing the wireless Internet, anyone can confirm the most updated piece of news within seconds. Despite the ridiculousness of a topic, any genre of news usually holds information worth reading during a long and stressful day.

This mass communication wave is addressed every single day in modern society. Newspaper sales struggle due to the rise in Internet demand. Some large newspaper companies have decided to shell out over one million dollars to enhance their papers' picture quality while having thoughts in the back of their mind asking why they even are bothering.

Even with change over time in print media, the quality and quantity of news content has also changed dramatically. No longer are there exaggerated stories like those in the age of yellow journalism, and there are many more advertisements and separate sections that narrow down a reader's choice.

Is it simple enough to state that our generation is corrupt? Can we list our morals and what we value in life or have we lost sense of what those consist of? Due to this overconsumption and online obsession, there has been a severe decline in honesty. Some live directly off of what they can Google, which can easily range from "How do I lose weight?" to "Where are my car keys?" These acts of stupidity are labeled as laziness and carelessness.

We need to stop relying on technology so often and deal with situations in person, stop hiding behind a monitor and worry about more important happenings like the presidential election over Kardashian drama.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to the article "The paleo-conservative views of republican senate candidates" in the Sept. 4 issue:

In the interest of keeping the media fair, I would like to address Steven Cennane's previously released article: "The 'Paleo-Conservative' Views of Republican Senate Candidates."

In his article, Cennane brought up a very relevant issue: extremism within the Republican Party. Whether one agrees with the Tea Party's rhetoric or not, one cannot miss the extremist views of the Tea Party. Many would argue that this country needs extreme change, thus extremist views are necessary. The Tea Party has certainly taken advantage of that sentiment.

However, extremist rhetoric is not solely employed by the right. On the other end of the spectrum, the neo-liberal Occupy Wall Street movement prescribes even more radical ideas. Although no Democratic candidates are running on an "Occupy" platform, this movement has certainly influenced liberal thought. The neo-liberals cannot be

left out of a discussion of extremist ideas.

This presidential race has revealed how much extremism has also entered into mainstream political thought. Not too long ago, Harry Reid, the Democratic Senate majority leader, made the extreme accusation that Mitt Romney had not paid taxes for ten years. Again, leaving the validity of his claim out of the discussion, Reid's claim is clearly a little extreme for "fair" politics, if such a thing still exists.

Reid's accusation and instance on Romney revealing his tax returns reveals Reid's own hypocrisy. Reid, who has never released his own tax returns, has managed to become a multimillionaire as a career "public servant," according to Mark Steyn of the National Review.

Moderate Republicans and Democrats do still exist, and the actions of the few should not influence our views of the whole party. But, extremism has clearly infected both parties. Although I will agree with Cennane that radicalism is certainly plaguing the Republican party, many Democrats have also managed to catch this extremist "bug."

-Thelonious Williams

In response to the article "Pit bull ruling paves way for dog prejudice" in the Sept. 4 issue:

I'm writing in response to the article about pit bull injustice. A couple weeks ago I did not have an opinion on pit bulls, let alone dogs in general. I just thought they were cute and fun to play with. On Aug. 27, however, my cluelessness got a rude awakening.

As I was walking home from work that night, I noticed a dog sniffing around the yard of a house near mine. I did not think much of it, until I felt something biting my thigh and looked down into the face of a pit bull. The dog then proceeded to circle and charge at me aggressively, baring its teeth and snarling and barking.

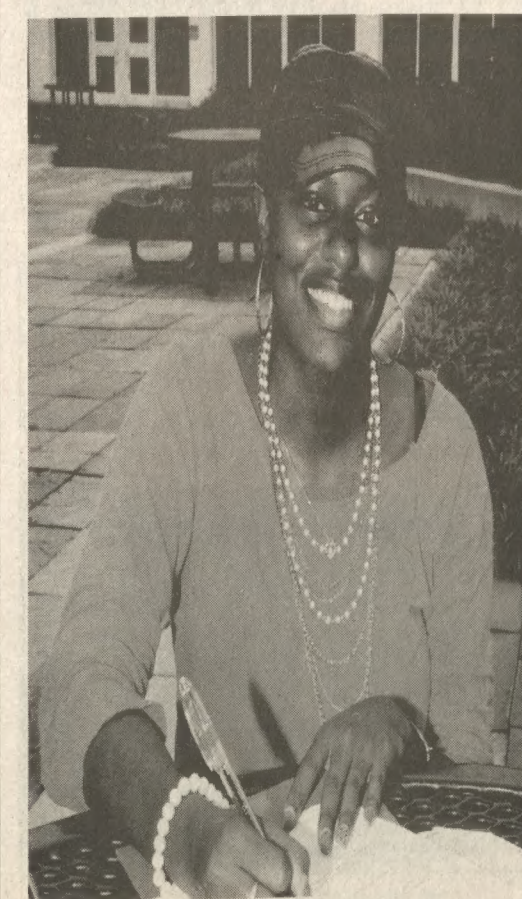
I've never been afraid of dogs, but in this situation I was terrified. I started screaming for help until the dog's owner drunkenly stumbled out of the woods and called his dog over to him, distracting the pit bull long enough to allow me to escape. The next morning I called animal control and my real estate agency, finding out from both of them that earlier that

same day the dog had bit and attacked the mail lady. The real estate agency had the pit bull removed the very next day.

I understand that people are extremely upset over the possible new strict law residing over pit bulls and ownership of this specific breed.

However, this law was created for a reason: pit bulls are naturally aggressive animals, and without the proper training they can really hurt someone. In my opinion, I do believe that the law is a little too harsh and should be revised in a way that still allows pit bulls to be adopted from shelters, as long as the potential owner checks out as a responsible person and the dogs get proper training before being allowed to become a household pet. To me, negligent college students should not be allowed to own a pet that is potentially dangerous and not have the dog trained properly. It's a shame that irresponsible people like this give pit bulls a bad name, but if this new law is put in effect it will definitely prevent instances like the one I experienced from happening again.

-Jeanette LeBarron



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## Waking up with Barbara and a side of Commons

BY TAYLOR LINKER  
Staff Writer

Most Salisbury University students would agree that waking up for breakfast before a 9 a.m. class is difficult, but for Commons cashier Barbara Montgomery-Davis, starting her day at 4:30 a.m. is easy.

After saying a morning prayer, she heads to work for her regular morning routine.

Montgomery-Davis, also known as Ms. Barb, was recognized with a diversity award from President Janet Dudley-Eshbach last year for her service to SU.

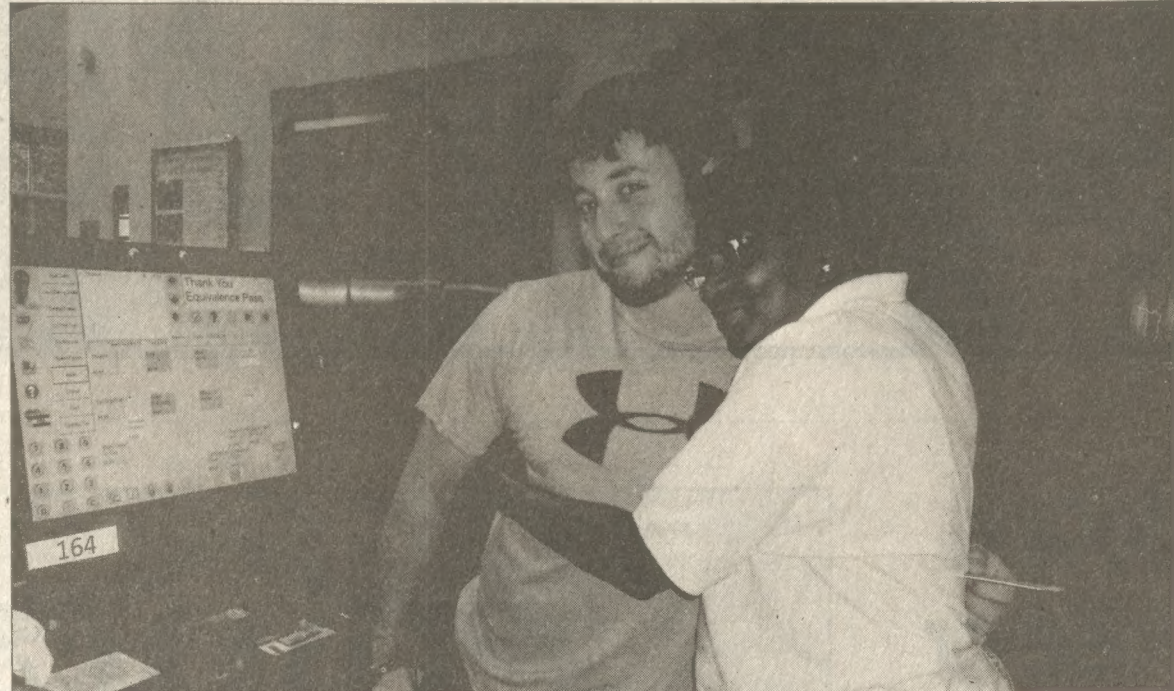
Famous on campus for her good-morning greetings, she embraces every student with a hug and an "I love you" as they enter The Commons for breakfast, bubbling with positive energy.

Her optimism has circulated throughout campus, with students wondering what makes Ms. Barb so cheerful.

She said working with kids is what keeps her smiling Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

"I love them all. There is not a single child I don't love and I don't ever miss a hug," Montgomery-Davis said. "Every boy and girl means the world to me."

Students not only love Ms. Barb as well, but appreciate her hugs and compassion. Senior



Submitted photo  
Freshman Zach Lucas starts out his day with a hug from Ms. Barb before breakfast.

Danielle Sampson remembers breakfast with Ms. Barb as a freshman.

"She makes you feel good, especially when you're used to having your parents there to wish you a great day. It's comforting hearing that from someone so happy to see you," Sampson said.

Freshman Kaitlin Talbert, who starts her Tuesday mornings with biology, said seeing Ms. Barb before class is the best way to begin her day.

"For her to hug everyone, is not only nice, but it shows she cares about us. She doesn't know that she makes everyone feel special," Talbert said. "I don't know why

she's so happy, but I love it."

For Ms. Barb, it's her strong faith and values that influence her positive energy and loving manners. Born into a strong Christian family, she is the granddaughter of a Baptist preacher and said she thanks God for helping her to be the person she is today.

"Without God, there is no me and my students," Ms. Barb said. "He has been here with me since my poor beginnings, and I thank Him for allowing me to experience those things."

Aside from working with so many students, Ms. Barb enjoys her co-workers. She sees the Commons staff as a family that is

easy to work and cooperate with. "She is a true bundle of sunshine," said fellow cashier Marianne, who requested that her last name not be published.

Outside of Salisbury University, Ms. Barb enjoys sewing, cooking, gardening and anything to keep herself smiling and busy.

"I love doing things outside of work, but the kids really are my joy," said Ms. Barb. "If I ever see a child in tears that is having a bad day I say, 'Baby it's gonna be alright. As long as there is a God in heaven, we can get through this.'"

## Health Report

West Nile virus hits Maryland, already claims two lives

BY SARAH WOODS  
Health Columnist

West Nile Virus has been reported in 13 counties in Maryland this year, with a total of 25 confirmed cases, all in adults, and two deaths, according to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Maryland is spraying for mosquitoes in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties in an effort to control the population and prevent more West Nile cases. The 2012 season of West Nile in the United States is the worst since 1999, when the disease was first discovered in this country.

Thankfully, the Centers for Disease Control believe incidence of the virus has peaked. The second week of September brought 1,400 cases to the United States, 35 percent more than the week before. The CDC estimates that because only about 20 percent of West Nile Virus infections cause symptoms, there may be anywhere from 210,000 to 350,000 infected adults in the U.S.

Although less than 1 percent of West Nile cases result in dangerous symptoms like meningitis, it is still important to be able to recognize the early hallmarks of the disease. Symptoms include fever, headache, malaise, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes. Severe cases of West Nile can cause headache, high fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

The people at highest risk for developing a severe case are infants, individuals over the age of 50, and those who are immunocompromised. Symptoms can last anywhere from several days to several weeks.

The CDC encourages anyone exhibiting symptoms of the disease to immediately contact their medical care provider. Students exhibiting symptoms of West Nile could also have the flu or another meningitis-causing disease and should contact the health center.

## SU students dabble in small business

BY RACHEL THURMAN  
Staff Writer

From per sitting to organizing services to tutoring and babysitting, there is a wide range of businesses that students can start themselves, allowing them to gain business experience and raise money for rent and college tuition.

When senior English literature major Camille St. Regis posted a picture of one of her paintings for a friend on Facebook, and the requests started coming in.

"I received more and more of these requests until it just became an everyday part of my life, in addition to a fairly steady source of work."

She said her business, "Camillustration," has its highs and lows.

"I sell more when people I come into contact with have special occasions approaching for which they need gifts, as well

as during the holiday season," St. Regis said.

She has even sent some of her paintings across the country to California. For requests or to buy a painting visit facebook.com/camillustrations.

Junior elementary education major Abbey DeTroye said she never thought of making and designing cakes until her sister watched a cake decorating competition and decided she wanted to start.

DeTroye helped her sister and over time they became better by practicing. They got business from friends in Frederick, Md. Eventually, the word spread.

"We post pictures of our cakes on my Facebook as well," DeTroye said.

DeTroye said her busiest season is during spring and summer, while over the winter it tends to slow down. DeTroye loves decorating cakes and hopes to do so for a

long time.

"As we've gotten more practice it already has grown a lot so hopefully it will continue," she said.

Associate Director of Career Services Charlie Endicott said he thinks student businesses are good as long as the student has some background in business and experience.

"I think it's great to do that on their own if they know what they're getting into," he said.

He said that there are ways to get experience through school, internships, business classes and even parents.

A 2009 study from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that about 40 percent of college students have jobs. What's not included in the official statistics is how much of these are students with their own businesses.

## Dining Review Asian Taste

BY L.S.  
Staff Writer

In a college town where fast food restaurants run rampant, it is refreshing to stumble upon an Asian fusion restaurant that serves both traditional Chinese and Thai cuisine, and the freshest of Japanese sushi under one notably clean roof.

After a lunch date at Asian Taste, one is quickly woken up from that frivolous dream of a quality dining experience.

Asian Taste is a quaint restaurant nestled on the corner of Eastern Shore Drive and College Avenue. Upon entering, the smell of stale Asian air hits the nostrils, followed by disbelief that a restaurant with such a large menu, literally, is stuffed inside a Chinese take-out dorm room.

The walls are sparingly decorated with Asian bamboo posters, and there is a cloudy goldfish tank that acts as a divider between the door and the register. The not-so-busy kitchen is clearly visible through a tied up cloth that acts as the door.

A one-man operation was left to

the young boy working at the register and answering two different phone lines at once. Needless to say, interactions were minimal.

The Chinese lunch special includes an array of entrees, rice and a soup or soda for \$5.95 and the Japanese sushi special includes a choice of two maki rolls, miso soup and salad for \$8.55. The table ordered bourbon chicken with pork fried rice and hot and sour soup, and a Philadelphia and Alaska roll.

The hot and sour soup was perfectly balanced between the burning chilies and tender vegetables. The pork fried rice was nothing special, but the bourbon chicken made up for it. Cherry red on the plate, it was smothered in a sweet and sticky sauce that oozed onto the bland rice in plentiful portions.

The sushi, however, was another story.

Although the rolls were colorful and fresh looking at first glance, the first bite eliminated all positive first reactions. The rolls were cut very unevenly. What rice there was was very dry, and the piece fell apart as soon as a chopstick

touched it.

The Alaska roll: salmon, avocado and cucumber, was slimy, and the vegetables were limp. As if falling apart and slimy wasn't enough, there were sharp scales embedded in the pieces.

The Philadelphia roll: salmon and cream cheese, was just as bad. After the mouthful of scales, there was fear with every bite.

With all of this taken into consideration, Asian Taste scores a two out of five star rating for its subpar atmosphere and terrifying attempt at sushi, despite its higher ranked Chinese menu.

If you're ever craving sushi in Salisbury, save yourself from Asian Taste.

Type of food:

Japanese, Chinese, Thai

Rating: 2 out of 5 stars

Price range: \$10-15 dinner

\$6-12 lunch

Gull Card: No



L.S. Photo  
Asian Taste is located at 1025 Eastern Shore Dr, Salisbury Md.

## Young mothers balance college, parenthood

BY ALEXIE MALLOY  
Staff Writer

College work, the job hunt, student activities, a social life and the occasional afternoon nap are hard enough to maintain for the traditional Salisbury student, but for student mothers, the demands of school and raising a child are even greater.

Teens with children have received a negative light due to shows like "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom," but Center for Student Achievement worker Susie West said she believes that college moms have less of a "stigma" because they are still pursuing higher education. Although it is still extremely difficult, West said that with dedication and support, juggling school and motherhood is not impossible.

Two single mothers from SU show that it is very possible to continue to go to school while raising a child.

Kimberly Chambers, a senior and history major is member of Bellavance Honors program; she is also triple minoring in French, Spanish and gender studies. She credits all of this to her 6-year-old daughter, Jenna.

Kimberly had Jenna at the age of 20 and started school two years after her birth, noting that she hadn't even thought about higher education before she became a mother.

"After Jenna was born, I wanted to show her that education is important, and also give her a reason to be proud of me," Chambers said.

Chambers said the biggest struggles she faced as a student and a mother were financial challenges. She supports support herself as well as her child, whom she homeschools.

"There are only so many hours in a day and

sometimes I run on two to three hours of sleep," Chambers said.

Second-year senior Bonnie Callahan, said she plans on being a social worker because of the help she received from a social worker after having her now two-year-old daughter, Anna.

A resident assistant in Sea Gull Square, Callahan said her biggest struggles are balancing academics, parenthood and a job. She said she is happy that her family is very supportive and helps take care of Anna when she has to work.

Both mothers said they have learned that time management skills are essential in parenting and being students.

"I write everything down to make sure nothing gets missed," Chambers said. Callahan said she prioritizes everything, making sure she makes enough time to spend with her daughter.

Both mothers conveyed a message to anyone with children trying to pursue a higher education.

"You are not alone," Callahan said, "Keep your head up high and just know that it is possible to juggle motherhood and your college career. If you're worried about not having the support, then reach out and don't be afraid to ask for a helping hand."

Chambers said mothers should never let themselves be discouraged when pursuing higher education.

"If you decide to continue your college education as a parent, it is entirely possible, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise," she said. "Yes, it's hard. There are going to be days that you've been up all night with a sick kid and you just don't know if you can make it to class to give that big presentation, but you'll drag



Submitted photo  
Kimberly Chambers poses with her 6-year-old daughter, Jenna.

yourself through it. And in the end, it'll all have been worth it. You'll end up in a much better position to take care of yourself and your child for the rest of your life. But most importantly - if a college teen finds herself pregnant, don't let anyone else make the decision about what to do for you. Find someone you trust to talk to about all your options, and consider everything, and figure it out for yourself."

The Student Health Center offers preg-

nancy tests for ten dollars and can set up contraception methods or connections with a local OB-GYN.

Appointments can be set up by contacting the office at (410)-543-6262 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Students can also set up appointment with the on campus Counseling Center in Guerriero University Center Room 263 by phone at (410)-543-6070. Both offices keep the patient information entirely confidential.

## Fall Fashion: Big, Bold, Accessorized

BY AMANDA WISHNIE  
Staff Writer

An accessory is one of the most important assets to any outfit whether it's a chunky necklace, delicate bracelet or a Tiffany's ring.

This season has introduced the new obsession of big, bold jewelry. While wearing a plain white shirt used to be boring, it can now be spiced up with a colorful chunky necklace.

Senior Rachel Obsuth said she loves accessories because they give her a

way to express herself without having to say anything.

"Not one piece of jewelry is ever the same," she said. "I always find something new and different that I can add to my collection."

With hundreds of designers selling distinct accessories, it is hard to decide what to buy. Students at Salisbury University have their own unique style that adds to the campus culture.

Junior Kelly Irving said that her style revolves around accessories, whether it's a cute pair of

dangling earrings, a statement necklace or her everyday rings.

"I love the little touch of color that can be added to an outfit through a piece of jewelry," she said. "I have rings that I wear everyday and can't imagine my hands without them."

Jewelry is a unique way for people to identify themselves through art. There are endless possibilities when it comes to accessorizing, but everyone has their own unique style.

## Netflix picks: "Jack the Ripper," adapted

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS  
Staff Writer

The mystery rose so suddenly and ended so swiftly, that half the question is not so much who the madman was, but why his unspeakable deeds began, and ended, at all.

Theories abound concerning the identity and motive of Victorian London's "Whitechapel Murderer." A modern favorite involving government conspiracy and scandal is based on Stephen Knight's book, "Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution."

The book is the inspiration for Alan Moore's popular graphic novel "From Hell," the groundwork for the 2001 film. It is also the basis for a less well-known 1979 Canadian film "Murder by Decree."

Starring Johnny Depp and Heather Graham as the inspector Frederick Abberline and prostitute Mary Kelly, respectively, "From Hell" is a Victorian noir, bleak and violent.

While the characters are ostensibly historical, they bear little resemblance to their real-life counterparts. For instance, this Abberline is clairvoyant, capable of seeing the future or gaining insight to clues in snatches of opium-induced dreams—a far throw from the stolid, happily married inspector of reality.

The film's attraction lies in its intrigue. Directors Albert and Allen Hughes are clever in their contrast of the lifestyles of the poor with that of the upper class. The grit of Whitechapel and the lavish chambers of Sir William Gull (Ian Holm) are in striking contrast. Here, too, is that always-intriguing element of a secret cult with almost limitless power, a hidden snake in

society's midst, waiting only for a word from its head to destroy any threat to the aristocracy.

This theme is also apparent in the 1979 Canadian film, but what "From Hell" prides as realism, director Bob Clark in "Murder by Decree" trades for fairytales.

That is not to say "Decree" fails as an intriguing and poignant adventure. Christopher Plummer is a satisfying Sherlock Holmes, and James Mason humorously entertaining as Watson. There is a wrenching scene in an asylum where Holmes encounters the bitterly wronged Ann Crook. This scene alone, featuring the formidable talents of Canadian actress Genevieve Bujold, is more tragic than all the trauma and mayhem in "From Hell."

While relying less on gore than psychological trauma, "Murder by Decree" is a protest against social injustice no less fiery than its heir, and perhaps more so. While the characters in "From Hell" are jaded and beaten, Holmes and Watson are a spirited force even in the face of looming defeat.

Both films share the same plot with only minor deviations. The difference is in the interpretation. If preference lies with a Victorian dystopia, full of brutality and injustice, fascinating in detail, "From Hell" proves the winner. If, however, a subtler and more bittersweet handling is wanted, "Murder by Decree" is to be preferred.

Both showcase a remarkable preservation of nineteenth-century lifestyle and ambience. Both relate actual historical events and characters. And, of course, both succeed in their ghastly representations of "Yours truly, Jack the Ripper."

## ANOTHER ROUND JUSTIN

Backstreet Grill

BY JUSTIN ODENDHAL  
Photo Editor

Returning to Salisbury after a long summer where you spent too much and did too little with your friends is a hard thing to do, and you'll probably need a drink on the cheap to catch up. Instead of the loud wanna-be clubs, why not try something new where you may become the next regular, Backstreet Bar and Grill.

Nicely hidden off of Snow Hill Road, Backstreet is a smaller establishment with big options for anyone that comes in, hungry or thirsty.

Basing their menu off of their signature "build your own sandwich," Backstreet has a simple menu that actually allows for limitless combinations. Choosing from an enormous list of options, you can make anything from a simple shrimp salad to a three-meat, three-cheese extravaganza.

Keeping with the "hominess" that they are known for, the menu is constantly updated with great specials, and always a new soup. With most menu items staying under \$10, it's easy to pop in and grab a good meal on the cheap when Commons just isn't cutting it anymore.

Other food specials through the week include great deals such as dollar tacos and quesadillas on Mondays (matched with \$3 margaritas), \$4 burger nights on both Wednesday and

Saturday, as well as others nightly. When it comes to drinks, Backstreet is a hidden gem all in itself. With Boh's on tap at only \$1.50 a pint, you will be hard pressed to find a better place to catch the O's race for the pennant in Salisbury. Beer specials run all week, with nearly every beer being served at a discount at least once a week.

If liquor suits your palette more, Backstreet offers specials on Stolli, Bacardi, Captain and Sailor on certain days and nights, all for only \$3.50 a drink. Even on Sunday Funday, you can find yourself nursing your hangover with all day Bloody Mary's and Mimosas' for \$2.50.

When it comes to finding a bar that you love, it's not just a matter of "can I go get hammered on the cheap" or "if we go there tonight I'm sure to get some," but going somewhere that the service matches your alcoholic inhibitions. If you're one of these types of people, check out Backstreet Bar and Grill the next time you want to feel at home.

**Favorite Meal:** Ahi Tuna Sandwich  
**Favorite Drink:** Boh  
**Location:** 410 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md.

## New Fractured Prune opens near campus

BY LINDSAY SIEBERT  
Staff Writer

Fractured Prune, a small restaurant that specializes in made-to-order customizable donuts, coffee and breakfast sandwiches, opened its doors at University Square on Sept. 8.

John Ramsay, owner of the new location, said the opening was actually more than just a move back. The original Fractured Prune location, which is now Romeo's Pizza, was owned by a different manager and relocated to Berlin. The University Square location is run by an entirely different staff.

Ramsay said that the college crowds that flock to The Deli and Monkey Barrel, in the same shopping center should bring plenty of revenue.

"The Deli and Monkey Barrel are very popular for students, so we've got some good road frontage," Ramsay said. "I think we'll do quite well."

University Square has more parking for customers in the morning, which is Fractured Prune's busiest time.

"I think it's an easier location for people

to get in and out of," he said.

Parking isn't the only thing that Ramsay says will make the donut shop prosper, but the personalization and fresh quality of their products over local corporate franchises like Dunkin' Donuts.

"There's a big difference between us and Dunkin' Donuts," he said. "You go in there and buy donuts that may have been made at two o'clock in the morning, and now it's ten o'clock in the morning and they've been sitting on the shelf for the last three or four hours. They're not fresh, they're not hot and you can't create your own."

**Fractured Prune accepts Gull Card and plans to offer mailer coupons and future student incentive discounts. You can order your donuts ahead by calling 410-749-2954.**



Submitted photo  
This Camillustration original was sold to SU senior Evan Sturman.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
President Open Office  
Henson Cafe  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ping Pong Tournament  
Fireside Lounge  
7-10 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
Music of the Romantic Era  
Perdue 251  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 20**  
Hispanic Heritage Dinner  
The Bistro  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Quin Tango class/ concert  
Holloway Auditorium  
5-6 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 21**  
No events

**Saturday, Sept. 22**  
National Book Festival  
Washington, D.C.  
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 23**  
No events

**Monday, Sept. 24**  
Samba Dance Class  
Holloway Front Lawn  
5 p.m.

Concert: Stay Human Band  
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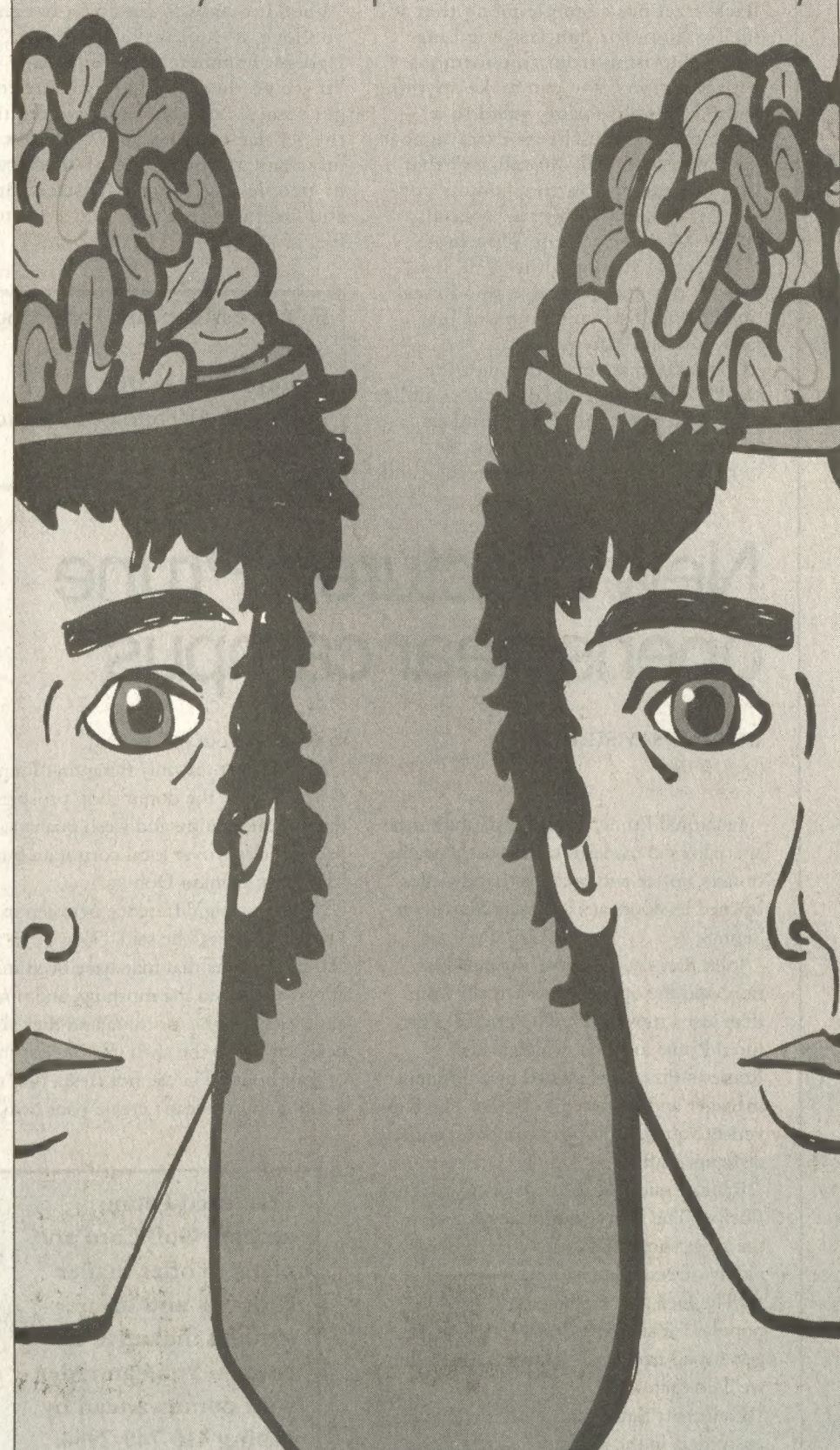
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## SPORTS

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## Sea Gulls bombard Battling Bishops



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Junior Slotback Joey Sutch rushes for a gain during the second quarter of action on Saturday against NC Wesleyan.



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Senior linebacker Matt McMurdo celebrates his touchdown score after ripping the ball from the NC Wesleyan quarterback and returning the fumble 26 yards in the second quarter.

BY AMY MCFARLAND  
Staff Writer

After a frustrating loss to Wesleyan in last Saturday's game, the Sea Gulls took the field at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, and redeemed themselves against the North Carolina Wesleyan Battling Bishops.

Less than three minutes in, the Sea Gulls made their presence known when senior receiver Joe Benedetti made a 4-yard run into the end zone. Seven Salisbury touchdowns later, the final score was 69-6, a big improvement from last week.

It was downhill from the start for North Carolina Wesleyan College, who gave up 45 yards on a punt return caught by sophomore Isaiah Taylor. This return allowed the Gulls another touchdown at 9:59 in the first quarter when senior Juma Richards received a 43-yard pass from senior quarterback Dan Griffin.

The Bishops couldn't strike back due to a fumble recovered by Salisbury's Tommy Hawks at the 40-yard line in Bishops' territory. After the fumble, Jerome Stanley made a 24-yard gain to the 28-yard line where he ran again for another Salisbury touchdown. This left the score at 21-0 after an action-packed first quarter.

In the second quarter, Benedetti made a 23-yard run into the Bishops' end zone, making the score 28-0. Senior linebacker Matt McMurdo recovered another Bishops' fumble and made a 26-yard run for a touchdown. With the score 35-0, linebacker Issa Diarra sacked Bishop quarterback Laron Ellerbee and forced NCWC to punt once again. Salisbury's defense continued to dominate, making another sack. With just one minute remaining in the first half, Stanley put up points for Salisbury after a 6 yard run, leaving the score 42-0 at half time.

Once the third quarter got under way, the Sea Gulls returned to defend against the Bishops, stopping them once again with sacks from Josh Danko. Then it was time for freshman quarterback John Dunbar and the second-string offense to come in.

Dunbar shocked the crowd by completing a pass for a 21-yard gain on just his second play.

"I was really excited to go out there and try to do something with it," Dunbar explained after the game.

He showed his excitement throughout the drive by making a run to gain 33-yards, allowing Joey Sutch to make a 7-yard run for a touchdown. While kicker Jack Molloy was unable to grab the extra point, the Gulls remained strong at 48-0.

Feeling confident, Salisbury's second-string defenders stepped in. However, at 7:33 the Bishops finally got their points in when Jacques Alston made a 75-yard run on a kick return, making it 48-6. Fortunately, the kicker missed the extra point and Salisbury's defense got a wake-up call.

During the fourth quarter, John Dunbar and Joey Sutch got the ball down to the second yard line, allowing Dunbar to carry the ball for another touchdown at 11:41. Salisbury's defense came back in, halting any last attempts of the Bishops. Dunbar continued to push the offense down the field and made two more touchdowns himself. When asked about Dunbar, Head Coach Sherman Wood expressed his enthusiasm for the freshman.

"He has a great attitude and I have no hesitation he'll be fine," Wood said.

Though Sea Gull fans were thrilled, the players wanted a shut-out.

"We're disappointed about those 6 points, to be honest" defensive back Greg Stanton said.

On the upcoming bi-week for the Sea Gulls, Stanton explained, "This is not a bi-week, this is a work week."

While the next game isn't until Sept. 29, at Buffalo State, Stanton's outlook may be assured as the Sea Gulls prepare for their first conference game.

## Athlete Spotlight SU junior 'rips the river' in wakeboarding competition



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BY DAVID CABRERA  
Staff Writer

Throughout the beginning of this season, the Salisbury University men's soccer team has been steered by veteran leadership. Nate Woods, a senior defenseman and team captain, has been one of those veteran leaders. The nursing major from Elkton, Md. was just named the Capital Athletic Conference's Defensive Player of the Week last week as he has helped the Sea Gulls defense allow only two goals this season. Nate took some time to answer questions for The Flyer.

**What would you ideally want to do with your nursing degree?**  
I would want to work in a critical care setting, like at a hospital ICU.

**Who was your favorite soccer player growing up?**  
Brian McBride. He played for the Columbus Crew and wore the same number as I did growing up (#20).

**What is your favorite movie?**  
Green Street Hooligans. The

### Nate Woods

movie is about an American teenager moving to Europe and growing to understand their culture and finding his true self through interaction with members of a local firm (gang) that live, bleed, and breathe the game of soccer or as they would call it football. It's an interesting story of a kid who finds out his true inner self and learns how to stand up for what he believes in by surrounding himself around the game of soccer.

**What is the best part about being at Salisbury?**

I like the campus atmosphere along with the outstanding competition on the field and in the classroom.

**How has the team prepared for this season?**

The team has worked very hard in pre-season as well as over the summer to prepare for a successful season with the goal of bringing home another conference championship as well as making a run far into the NCAA tournament in November. One man cannot make up a team so it will be a team effort to the end. I believe we can achieve these goals.

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Salisbury University junior and wakeboarding enthusiast Jesse Snader pulled a win in a student stunt competition outside Brew River on Sept. 8.

Open exclusively to SU students, the competition was held after the restaurant's boat docking competition. Out of the nine students who participated, the top three spots went to Snader, Guy Metzler and Joe Esko, respectively.

The event was hosted by Red Bull, and was organized by SU senior Katie Heim. The competition was the company's first collegiate event.

Towed off a jet ski, the competitors ran off a kicker ramp, which was decorated by SU junior Spencer Bushness. They each had

two chances to perform their best tricks. They were evaluated individually for style, amplitude and crowd reaction.

Snader, who learned to wakeboard five years ago in the Severn River in his hometown in Anne Arundel County, caught the judges' attention with a 180 degree nose-grab landing switch and a tail grab during his two runs.

Snader said he believes his wakeboarding is a form of artistic expression as well as a sport. "You're free to express yourself, and there's so many ways you can do it," he said. "Once you're out on the water, all the pressure and tension is suddenly just gone."

The competition was judged by a panel that included national champion wakeboarder Joe Phillips, an Ocean City native who holds eight world records in the

sport.

Phillips opened the event with a demonstration on a wake-skate, executing a switch-front side 360, heel-side back-side 180 and a half cab. He noted that although he enjoyed the opportunity to wakeboard close to home, he was disappointed that the conditions during the competition were less than ideal. He explained that the wind made the water choppy, creating difficulties for some of the students who tried flips.

"It was a lot of their first times (using a ramp), and the weather conditions made it difficult for a lot of people to catch," Phillips said. "But it was still a great competition. Everyone had a lot of fun."



Submitted Photo

Brew River during the Rip the River competition.



# Vienna speaks about fall sports

BY ANDREW CANTOR  
Staff Writer

Volleyball just earned their first national ranking since 2008. What has the progression of the program been like?

"They are defending conference champs and return almost everyone from that team so that is the natural progression. They are off to a great start and I am really excited, I think they are going to have a great year. They may have one of the best seasons in school history, they are that good."

Football is another program that has progressed a lot in the last few years. What is their outlook this season?

"Coach Wood has done an outstanding job during his tenure. We lost to Wesley who is always a national powerhouse, but we gave them a competitive game. I believe we are in the hunt for a national championship this year."

Men and Women's Cross Country has established a great tradition under the leadership of Coach Jones. In which direction do you see the programs going?

"Coach Jones has had tremendous success so far. I had the pleasure of watching the opening meet at Winterplace Park. Both teams have tremendous potential in claiming conference championships and advance to the national

meets. They will continue to carry out the strong tradition."

Women's soccer is looking to build on their success from last year under Coach Nestor. How is the team faring so far?

"They have a lot of new faces that are contributing right away along with a good amount of returners. I think we have a lot of talent out there and we can win a lot of games. Last year they made it to the national tournament, so hopefully they'll make it back."

Men's soccer is off to a good start. What are some of the expectations for the season?

"We are very fortunate to have Coach DiBartolo. Almost everyone is back from last year's squad. I have gotten to see them compete and was very impressed. They can definitely play with anyone in the country."

How is the Gold Rush program going so far?

"It was started by our Associate Athletic Director, Matthew McGinnis. It's a way to bring exposure to our varsity sports and create some school spirit. I get a kick out of seeing the t-shirts being worn around campus. This is a great institution and we want to promote our great fans. It's been awesome so far, it makes me feel good about where we go to school."

# Womens soccer puts up a valiant effort against Messiah

BY GEORGE KIRIAZOGLU  
Staff Writer

The SU Women's soccer team hosted the defending national champions Messiah College on Saturday, Sept. 15, but unfortunately the match did not go in the Sea Gulls favor.

No. 4 Messiah College scored two goals late in the second half and won the match 2-0. The Sea Gulls were unable to score in the game, but they played with heart and never gave up.

The Messiah Falcons controlled the ball for much of the game and the SU defense took on the challenge with a valiant effort. This was a game where the SU defense was tested and the number of shots Messiah took makes that evident.

The Falcons took 26 shots, eight of them being on goal, while Salisbury only got off one shot in the

game.

"Maintaining possession, fundamentals and taking care of the ball were things the offense needed to do more of," said Coach Jim Nestor.

Sophomore goalkeeper Michelle Conrad stood tough in the goal and recorded six saves on goal in the match. Conrad and the SU defense kept the Sea Gulls in the game for most of the match.

Senior defenseman Bonnie Sandone, sophmores Jamie Hovendon and Jackie Holtzman and the three freshmen Tabitha Brown, Heather Deamond and Courtney Kos played well in the contest and did their best to prevent the Messiah offense from scoring.

"The defense came out strong and played with heart throughout the entire game. We just need to stay aware until the final whistle blows and not make silly mistakes," said junior midfielder Kim-

berly Baldwin.

SU did have an opportunity to score in the game midway in the first half when freshman Jenna DeLetto received the ball on the right side of the field. However, she was unable to settle the ball and the Falcons soon took possession. Throughout the entire game SU did their best to set up shots on target, but the Messiah defense was relentless.

Regardless of the final score, the Salisbury Sea Gulls left everything on the field and will be moving past this game and into the rest of their schedule.

"This week in practice we will work on first touches and taking care of the ball as a supporting unit," Coach Nestor said. The Salisbury Sea Gulls will be traveling to Christopher Newport on Wednesday and will be preparing accordingly for the game.



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior defenseman Bonnie Sandone clears the ball in the first half of action Saturday against Messiah College.

# SU volleyball takes two wins at home

BY ASHLEY MARTIN  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's women volleyball team defeated both Centenary College and Gallaudet University in the start of the Sea Gull Classic volleyball tournament on Friday, Sept. 14.

Despite having to play two conference games just two days before the tournament, SU's volleyball team (13-1, 1-0) left with a victory in both of their matches.

As seats began to fill up around 3 p.m., volleyball players filled the gym to start warming up for the first game of the tournament. Salisbury versus Centenary was the first scheduled match.

SU showed their strength and capabilities during the warm up drills of hitting, passing, and blocking. Once the game started, they set the pace for the entire first set.

The first point of the game came from a set from senior Carley Todd that resulted in a kill by freshman Ashlyn Tapley. Toward the stretch of the game, SU went on a 10-0 run that included five aces from sophomore Michelle Meehan.

SU held the lead for majority of the opening set, ending it with a score of 25-12.

The second set was the closest match out of all three sets. Centenary carried the lead for most of the beginning part of the set. Head coach Margie Knight walked out on the court several times during this set to keep her players in focus.

"Cross on defense and watch your space," Knight said to the team.

SU picked up the pace and took over the lead for the remainder of the set, defeating Centenary 25-19.

The last set of the match resembled the first set. SU took over the lead for most of the game. Centenary gave away points with service and attack errors. Senior Chelsea Glowacki led the team in a 4-0 run during the stretch of this set.

With a couple of more service aces and kills by Todd, Glowacki, and Kelly Viera, SU closed out the match against Centenary in a 25-

12 defeat.

SU's strategy for this first match was to keep their priorities on offense, Coach Knight said.

"Our goal is to get touches on every ball," setter Todd said. "And not just touches, but playable touches."

When the team noticed the competition against Centenary was getting tighter during the second set, Todd said they refocused on communicating with each other and that's how they were able to regain the lead for the rest of the match.

The team also demonstrated strong defensive skills when they kept the lead all throughout the three sets.

"Defense all starts with a block," Coach Knight said. "It is the backboard of defense."

About two hours later, the team faced their next challenge. Coach Knight said coming into this next game, she knew it would be a bit more competitive than the previous one. Gallaudet University played SU in the second part of the tournament.

SU starters Todd, Tapley, Viera, Jenna Shay, Julie Poston, Glowacki, and Michelle Meehan led the team with a very early lead with three kills at the start of the opening set. The first lead change of the game occurred with Gallaudet's TraciAnn Hoglind's service ace. From there Gallaudet went on a 5-0 run.

There was a quick change of pace in the game when Kelly Viera and Ashlyn Tapley blocked two of Gallaudet's attacks, which broke the tie and gave SU the 11-8 lead. Then it was point for point before Gallaudet went on a 4-0 run, taking over the lead 17-14.

Despite the close game, SU still came away with the 25-18 win for the first set.

"We knew we had to stay with our intensity," Glowacki said.

Their intensity was challenged during the next two matches. The second set was also very competitive with the several lead changes throughout the set.

An attack by Jessica Israel put Gallaudet on the scoreboard first. It was then followed by a SU kill

by Ashlyn Todd, which came from a set by Carley Todd. The beginning tied score set the tone for the rest of the game.

Gallaudet kept the lead throughout most of the game. The turning point occurred when Carley Todd set up a kill to Kelly Viera. The score was tied again, 19-19. After a kill from Gallaudet broke the tie, it was tied another time 20-20, when Ashlyn Tapley returned the attack.

After two points from Gallaudet and then another two from Salisbury, the score was tied once again 22-22. SU broke the tie and took over the lead with three straight kills. SU won the second set, 25-22.

The third game was another close one with 8 ties and 5 lead changes. Unlike their previous game of the tournament against Centenary, SU was unable to close this game out in three sets. Gallaudet won the third set 25-20.

The strategy changed slightly for SU during the fourth set. They followed each serve receive more precisely.

"We had to really keep up the serve receive," Glowacki said.

"We also had to go as the serve receive went," Knight said. "We also changed our blocking format slightly."

Carley Todd and Jenna Shay were put on swing blocking. The strategy change allowed SU to come away with the 25-21 defeat over Gallaudet in the fourth set and in the overall match.

"Every time we play Gallaudet, it's a battle," Coach Knight said. "They are a very worthy [and] competitive opponent."

The team plans to take each match at a time and try their hardest not to lose their intensity.

"Our goal is to keep our games within three sets," Glowacki said.

The two wins at the start of the tournament demonstrated their hard work and ability.

"We want to send a message to everyone," Todd said. "We are a force to be reckoned with."

The team had another two games on Saturday, ending both in victory. They are back to playing conference games on Tuesday.

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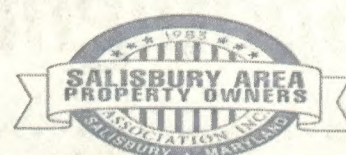
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